REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 2, and 5-24 are pending in the subject application: claims 1, 2, 5-18, 20, 23, and 24 stand rejected, and claims 19, 21, 22 are indicated as containing allowable subject matter. Upon entry of the foregoing amendments, claims 1, 2 and 5-24 are pending in the application. Claims 3-4, 9, 19 and 25-32 are cancelled. No new matter has been added.

Claims 1, 2, 5-18, 20, 23, and 24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 2003/0158963 to Sturdy et al. in view of U.S. Patent Application No. 2004/0002863 to Nefian.

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in claims 19, 21, and 22. In order to expedite prosecution, claim 1 has been amended to incorporate allowable subject matter from claim 19, thereby obviating the rejection. Accordingly, claims 2, 5-8, 10-18, 20-24 depend at least indirectly from claim 1 and are therefore allowable.

On the basis of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration and allowance of this application is believed warranted. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at (240) 228-5644.

Applicants hereby petition for any extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee for such extension is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 01-2218.

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